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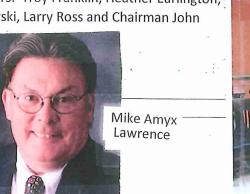
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# 2017 Spring Newsletter

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### From the Editor's Desk

#### **Battling Against the Merger-Round One**

As most of you know we have been battling the merger of the Board of Barbering and the Board of Cosmetology for the past 6 months. This merger came as a surprise to our board and we were a little caught off guard by the announcement by the Governor's Office in the State of the State address that the boards would be merged. This is the first battle since I joined the staff of the Board of Barbering but I understand the battle has a long history. We have been able to reach out to many of our schools and barber shops for support and some of them are featured in pictures in this newsletter, however in no way does this indicate that the battle has been fought only by this office and those we have pictures of. There have been many more attending hearings and making calls to the Senators and Representatives responsible for making the decisions.

Our agency is 100% fee funded, therefore we feel we should be allowed to operate independently. We have also experienced some staff modifications with our Administrator Larry Montgomery leaving that position and our Chairman of the Board Jim Cates resigning. We have a new chairman John Bradford who is from Lansing, Kansas. After appearances before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee and several subcommittees we have been able to have our budget restored for the FY18 and FY19 fiscal years. We can only assume that this battle is not over, but will instead be revisited next Legislative Session so we intend to continue to be aware of proposed legislation as well as to continue to educate ourselves. AGAIN THANK YOU, THANK YOU to each and every one of you who has helped us during this time. I am including in this newsletter the merger talking points so if you have anything to add please

contact me to get the list updated.



Special thanks to Terry Stearman for appearing on the WIBW Radio Talk Show and to The Barbershop for hosting the **KSNT27 TV Segment** 



## Kansas Board of Barbering-Response to possible merger.

The operation of the Kansas Board of Barbering includes two processes:

- 1. Inspection. Enforcement of existing barber statutes and sanitary regulations through inspection of establishments and barber colleges.
- 2. Licensing. Ensure that all newly trained barbers have met the statutory qualifications to practice the profession: a. examine all barber school graduates and applicants to become barber instructors to ascertain skill level before licensing; and, b.) review all license applications of barbers from reciprocating states to ensure they have met the statutory qualifications. Issue new and/or renewal licenses for students, barbers, instructors, barber shops and barber schools.

#### OPERATIONS OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF BARBERING

The administrative office of the Kansas Board of Barbering is located in Topeka, Kansas. Oversight is conducted by a five member board appointed by the Governor for three year staggered terms. Statute requires that four members be licensed barbers practicing in the State of Kansas with the fifth member representing the general public. Upon expiration of their term of appointment the Governor may either reappoint or replace them. Members of the Board are paid a per diem and subsistence for their participation in board activities. As a part of their statutory duties and functions, the Board and the Board Administrator conduct the barber and barber instructor license examinations as established in statute and administrative regulation Additionally, the Board approves all applications to operate a barber college in the State.

Our Board administers a live practical examination to every student who graduates from a Licensed Barber College and is attempting to obtain licensure.

Our Board members go out remotely to prospective schools and assists in the preparation and submission of the school application.

KBOB provides a quarterly newsletter updating all the barbers with information on new legislation, service awards, changes in the industry.

KBOB reciprocates licenses to all other states in the union which requires research to obtain test scores, student hours etc.

KBOB maintains student hours for all enrolled in a Kansas Barber College.

KBOB maintains all student test scores and student licenses, barber licenses, instructors licenses, school licenses, and temporary licenses.

KBOB maintains and updates a state of the art website.

Written Examinations are offered in the KBOB office and also administered at each of the quarterly exams. KBOB provides practice tests, information on refresher courses, phone apps and any other study material available to the students.

The Board members administer the instructors exam and the KBOB staff keeps an up to date register of all licenses instructors in Kansas for job vacancies at the schools.

We are a small agency, and self-supportive. Because we have so few licensees, if we get intermingled with other larger professions, we will lose the specific focus we need for ours. There is rarely a positive effect to be consumed into a larger

entity, when it contains no financial benefit.



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Special Congratulations to Makenzi Bryant-Daughter of State Inspector Jeri Bryant on her nomination for Winter Sports Royalty at Jefferson County North High School. Kenzi took time out of her busy schedule to support the Barbers by attending a board meeting in Wichita and one of the budget hearings.